

Appl. No. 09/871,764
Reply dated January 10, 2005
Reply to Office Action of September 08, 2004

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 and 13-29 are presented for Examiner Jastrzab's consideration. Please amend claim 1 as shown. Support for this amendment may be found in claims 11 and 12 as originally filed, for example. Please cancel claims 11 and 12. Please amend claim 13 to correct dependency from now-canceled claim 12. Please also amend claim 20 as shown to comply with the Examiner's request to correct informality. In addition, please amend the claims formerly numbered as the second-occurring claim 26, 27 and 28 as shown to correct typographical errors in the claims numbers. Finally, please amend the subject matter of current claims 26 and 29 as shown, and support for this amendment may be found in claims 11 and 12 as originally filed, and in the application text at page 6 lines 21-35, page 8 lines 26-30, and page 11 lines 6-9, for example.

Please note that, due to correction of typographical error to claims numbering, the last claim number is now claim 29 while originally 28 claims were paid for. Because there are now fewer claims in the case than originally paid for (27 claims in the case due to the cancellation of claims 11 and 12), Applicants believe no fees for additional claims are due. However, if this is not believed to be correct, please charge any prosecutorial fees which are due as a result of this amendment to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants thank Examiner Jastrzab for including in the Office Action mailed September 08, 2004 signed copies of the initialed Forms PTO-1449 sent with Applicants' Information Disclosure Statements August 30, 2001 and November 15, 2002.

Applicants further thank Examiner Jastrzab for indicating allowable subject matter in claims 12-17, and for pointing out the informality in claim 20 which is corrected by the amendment submitted with this reply. Claim 1 has now been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 12 and intervening claim 11. Claims 26 and 29 have similarly been amended.

Appl. No. 09/871,764
Reply dated January 10, 2005
Reply to Office Action of September 08, 2004

Claim Rejections, 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

In the Office Action mailed September 08, 2004 the Examiner rejected claims 1-2, 4-6 and 18-20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by and thus unpatentable over United States Patent 5,885,681 to Korpman (hereinafter "Korpman"). In addition, the Examiner rejected claims 1-2, 4-6, 11 and 19-20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by and thus unpatentable over United States Patent 5,122,407 to Yeo et al. (hereinafter "Yeo et al."). The Examiner also rejected claims 1-11 and 18-28 (as previously numbered) under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made and thus unpatentable over either of United States Patent 6,433,243 to Woltman et al. or United States Patent 6,509,284 to Quincy, III et al., in view of United States Patent 6,723,428 to Foss et al.

Applicants believe these 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejections and 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection to now be moot with respect to claim 1 due to the amendment of claim 1 including the subject matter of allowable claim 12 and intervening claim 11. As such, Applicants believe claim 1 and its dependent claims 2-10 and 13-25 are now in form for allowance. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a) and rejections be withdrawn with respect to claims 1-10 and 13-25.

With respect to claims 26 and 27-29 as currently numbered, the method of claim 26 and the refrigerator liner of claim 29 have been amended in a similar fashion to claim 1 and so are now also believed to be allowable. Therefore Applicants respectfully request that the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection also be withdrawn with respect to claims 26 and 27-29.

For the reasons stated above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims are in form for allowance.

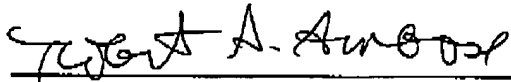
Please charge any prosecutorial fees which are due to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875.

Appl. No. 09/871,764
Reply dated January 10, 2005
Reply to Office Action of September 08, 2004

The undersigned may be reached at: 770-587-8908.

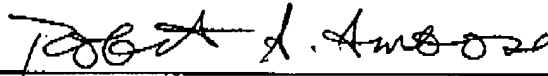
Respectfully submitted,

MONICA C. FONTENOT ET AL.

By: 
Robert A. Ambrose
Registration No.: 51,231

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I, Robert A. Ambrose, hereby certify that on January 10, 2005, this document is being faxed to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, central facsimile machine at (703) 872-9306.

By: 
Robert A. Ambrose